

2008 Legislative Package Overview

Secretary of State Robin Carnahan

Bills to Better Serve Voters

Voter Confidence Act (SB 1082, HB 2114)

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- Ensures that every Missouri voter who wants to vote on a paper ballot has the chance to do so

Early Voting Act

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- Makes it easier for Missourians to vote
- Lessens lines at the polls
- Brings Missouri in line with the 35 other states with some form of early voting, including 7 out of 8 neighbor states

Election Worker Incentive Act (SB 989)

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- Gives a tax incentive to be a poll worker

Election Protection Act (SB 1083)

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- Requires anyone requesting 50 or more voter registration cards to first register with the Secretary of State's office and provides online training
- Stiffens penalties for certain election violations

Initiative Petition Integrity Act (SB 1003, HB 1761)

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- Requires circulators to be Missouri residents
- Increases penalties for forging a signature on a petition form
- Stops known forgers from circulating petitions

Bills to Better Serve Small Businesses

Red Tape Reduction Act (SB 1062, HB 1923)

- 1
 - Allows for biennial (rather than annual) corporate registration filings
 - Reduces LLC fees by allowing for online filing
 - Provides an expedited service option

Fairness for Missouri Businesses Act (SB 940)

- 2
 - Refocuses LLC membership liability
 - Encourages investment in Missouri by reducing tax liability risks

Corporate Name Reservations Act (HB 1951)

- 3
 - Extends the name reservation period for business owners

Missouri Intellectual Property Rights Protection Act (SB 1048, HB 1856)

- 4
 - Makes it easier to protect small business names and logos
 - Makes Missouri's trademark laws more consistent with federal law
 - Streamlines the trademark registration process

Business Name Renewal Improvement Act

- 5
 - Allows flexibility for processing future renewals on a rolling basis
 - Provides additional time for most Missouri businesses to renew their active fictitious name registration

Technology Funding

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 - Ensures continued access to online projects for Missourians and Missouri businesses by continuing to provide funds for technology

Bills to Better Protect Investors

Senior Investor Protection Act (SB 889, HB 1488)

- 1
 - Deters fraud against seniors and the disabled
 - Stiffens penalties for committing investment crimes against these groups

Investors First Act (SB 1137, HB 1818)

- 2
 - Ensures variable annuities sellers play by the rules
 - Clearly defines variable annuities as securities
 - Brings state law into accordance with federal law

Investment Security Act (HB 1817)

- 3
 - Cleans up state statute and puts it into accordance with Federal law